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1. Financial conditions within the Tsingtao Soviet Club are growing steadily worse. At two meetings held during the week of 6 June 1948 dissension arose between those who wished to improve Club finances by showing American movies to attract visitors and an activist group who protested that American movies were anti-Soviet and who wanted more Soviet films. Members also demanded the return of unused money donated to purchase a Club house, but no action was taken.
2. J. Lelchitsky informed the local Soviet colony that unless some stringent action was taken immediately the Soviet School would be unable to open for the school year 1948-49. He stated that only seven persons had paid their school tax and all others were from four to six months in arrears.
3. Paul Doff (Iokhvidov) is reported to have departed by ship from Tsingtao for Shanghai upon receipt of news that the Tientsin police were looking for him in regard to black market activities that the Tientsin police had discovered in connection with his "Green Jade Shop" in Tientsin.

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